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FURTHER INFORMATION ON CARGO SHIPMENTS TO CUBA IN SOVIET SHIPS

1. An additional 13 Soviet merchant ships have been noted in COMINT en route or possibly en route Cuba since the publication of ~~SECRET~~. The following details concerning these ships are available. Read in six columns: Ship [C/S, Gross Tonnage]/Area of Departure/Port Declared/Cargo Declared/Known Cargo/Remarks.

LABINSK' [UQIR, 6668]/Black Sea/Conakry/1378 tons general/xxxx/xxxx

IVAN POLZUNOV' [UVMB, 7176]/Baltic/Accra/1676 tons general/six 2.5-ton trucks, five 2.5-ton open-body trucks, miscellaneous motor vehicles, tinned goods, geological prospecting equipment/xxxx

PARTIZAN BONIVUR' [UVZV, 18878]/Black Sea/Accra/1776 tons general/xxxx/
second trip

AMATA' [UFIM, 3359]/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx

SIMFEROPOL' [UVIG, 9344]/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/not to be confused with the refrigerator ship SIMFEROPOL', also currently en route Cuba

BRATSK' [UIAC, 5518]/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/second trip

SRETENSK' [UNZE, 2352]/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/one large wooden structure,
five trucks or cranes/third trip

QMSK' [UQVZ, 11867]/Black Sea/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/second trip

AL'MET'EVS'K' [UKKB, 5411]/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/third trip; possibly en
route Cuba

ALEKSANDROVSK' [UVZW, 5411]/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/third trip; possibly
en route Cuba

DUBNO' [UBFM, 7265]/Black Sea/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/possibly en route Cuba

LENINSKIY KOMSOMOL' [UQIM, 12816]/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/second trip;

possibly en route Cuba

VOLGOLES' [UQIT, 4638]/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/second trip.

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2. The cargo ship USSURIJSK/[UYIE], which was reported [REDACTED] as possibly en route Cuba, is now considered to be definitely en route Cuba.

3. Three ships, previously reported en route or possibly en route Cuba, are now known to be en route ports other than Cuba. These are the cargo ships SOBOLEVO/[USLZ], DVINOLES/[UYSA], and the passenger ship GRUZIYA/[UPOV].

4. The following cargo and passenger information, obtained from collateral sources, is available on ships previously reported en route Cuba: (a) METALLURG BAJKOV/[UWQU], 14 trucks, four mobile cranes, two buses (all painted olive drab), 48 men and women sighted on deck; (b) KOMILES/[UQIW], wooden boxes on deck; (c) SIMFEROPOL/[UBMY], five 2.5-ton trucks, four or five panel trucks; (d) USSURIJSK [UYIE], 13 military vehicles; (e) IL'YA MECHNIKOV/[UPVW], approximately 28 trucks (probably 2.5-ton); (f) NIKOLAJ BURDENKO/[UPVY], six very large crates, one large canvas-covered object, two gravel shovels, two 2.5-ton trucks, one 2.5-ton open-body truck (all trucks loaded); (g) ARCHANGEL'SK/[UVCQ], 14 loaded trucks on deck; (h) FIZIK VAVILOV/[UYIU], trucks sighted on deck; LENINGORSK/[UIWY], one tank truck (in addition to known cargo already reported); ANGARSKIES/[UYST], six very large crates on deck.

5. Although Soviet cargo shipments to Cuba thus far in October continue at a rate considerably above what had been considered normal prior to the third (calendar) quarter 1962, there has been a slight decrease since the end of the first week of September. Lately, there have been occasions when Soviet ships have actually declared for Cuba and international commercial traffic has periodically provided information of cargoes for Cuba being loaded in the Soviet Union. However, the vast majority of ships involved in Soviet/Cuban trade continue to screen their activities by either utilizing false cargo and port declarations or by simply not issuing declarations of any kind. Those cargoes, known to have been delivered to Cuban ports in late September and early October, have been primarily of a technical/military nature.

6. There have been 148 Soviet dry cargo voyages to Cuba since 1 July 1962. These voyages represent a total of 998,411 gross tons.

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